

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3731

TITLE: NATURALIST III

GRADE: S-23

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to manage the naturalist and/or environmental programs and activities at nature sites within a large conservation district; and to do related work as required.

TYPICAL TASKS:

Supervises the preparation of conservation/interpretation programs of special or general interest;

Manages the design and fabrication of exhibits and media publications;

Coordinates programs with appropriate marketing staff;

Prepares reports dealing with environmental conditions or impact problems relating to conservation;

Conducts inspections of construction sites to check environmental controls;

Provides technical assistance in natural resource management, planning and implementation;

Assures that adequate training is provided to all staff personnel;

Establishes and maintains contacts with local, state or federal agencies on cooperative conservation efforts;

Assists in establishing and carrying out Division policies;

Assures proper administration of the conservation budget at district levels;

Represents the Division on special boards or panels.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of nature conservation theory and philosophy;

Thorough knowledge of conservation program management practices;

Thorough knowledge of County operating policies;

Ability to plan and direct a wide range of interpretation/conservation programs;

Ability to supervise the work of subordinate staff;

Ability to speak and write effectively;

Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with staff and public officials.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in biology, wildlife management, natural history, environmental education or a closely related field; plus three years of progressively responsible experience in the field of interpretation or conservation management.

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